

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 28. (Canceled).

29. (New) A fastener for holding together a group of documents, comprising:
a foldable sheet including first and second mutually orthogonal fold lines intersecting at an edge of the sheet to divide the sheet into a central anchor portion and first and second outer tab portions; and

a repositional adhesive adapted to attach the portions to at least a first document and a last document of the group;

wherein the first and second fold lines are adapted to align with mutually orthogonal edges at a corner of the grouped documents upon attachment of the anchor portion to the first document in the group prior to folding the first and second outer tab portions around the edges; and

wherein the outer tab portions are configured to substantially abut, when the outer tab portions are folded around the edges, upon attachment to the last document in the group to lie flat against the last document.

30. (New) The fastener according to claim 29, wherein the adhesive includes a layer on one side of the sheet.

31. (New) The fastener according to claim 30, wherein a minor edge portion of the side of the sheet is non-adhesive.

32. (New) The fastener according to claim 29, wherein the anchor portion and the tab portions have one of (a) different shading and (b) different coloring.

33. (New) The fastener according to claim 29, wherein a mutual boundary between the anchor portion and the tab portions is marked by one of (a) a printed line, (b) a line of perforations and (c) a crease line.

34. (New) The fastener according to claim 33, wherein the boundary is marked by a crease line and wherein a relatively strong adhesive with respect to the remaining adhesive extends along and across the crease line.

35. (New) The fastener according to claim 30, wherein a notch extends inwardly from the edge of the sheet in the region of the intersection.

36. (New) The fastener according to claim 29, wherein the sheet is oblong.

37. (New) The fastener according to claim 36, wherein a ratio of long edges to short edges of the oblong is 2:1.

38. (New) The fastener according to claim 36, wherein the fold lines divide the sheet into a central triangular anchor portion flanked by two outer triangular tab portions inverted with respect to the central triangular anchor portion.

39. (New) The fastener according to claim 38, wherein the tab portions are adapted to cooperate to form a triangle on a reverse of the last document corresponding to the central triangular anchor portion attached to the first document of the group when the tab portions substantially abut upon attachment to the last document of the group.

40. (New) The fastener according to claim 29, wherein the central anchor portion is defined by the mutually orthogonal fold lines and at least one edge joining outer ends of the fold lines.

41. (New) The fastener according to claim 40, wherein the edge includes two mutually orthogonal sides opposing the fold lines.

42. (New) The fastener according to claim 41, wherein each of the sides is parallel to an opposing one of the fold lines to define a central rectangular anchor portion.

43. (New) The fastener according to claim 40, wherein the at least one edge is one of (a) curved and (b) irregular.

44. (New) The fastener according to claim 40, wherein at least one border of the anchor portion includes an extension of a mutual boundary between the anchor portion and an outer tab portion.

45. (New) The fastener according to claim 29, further comprising one of (a) graphical matter and (b) indicia divided into components borne by respective ones of first and second tab portions, the components adapted to be united to be viewed together when the tab portions are attached to the last document of the group.

46. (New) A fastener for holding together a group of documents, comprising:
a foldable sheet including first and second mutually orthogonal fold lines, extensions the first and second fold lines adapted to intersect outside a periphery of the sheet to divide the sheet into a central anchor portion and first and second outer tab portions; and

a repositional adhesive adapted to attach the portions to at least a first document and a last document of the group;

wherein the first and second fold lines are adapted to align with mutually orthogonal edges at a corner of the grouped documents upon attachment of the anchor portion to the first document in the group prior to folding the first and second outer tab portions around the edges; and

wherein the outer tab portions are adapted to substantially abut, when the outer tab portions are folded around the edges, upon attachment to the last document in the group to lie flat against the last document.

47. (New) The fastener according to claim 46, wherein the adhesive includes a layer on one side of the sheet.

48. (New) A pad, comprising:
a plurality of fasteners adapted to hold together a group of documents, each fastener including:

a foldable sheet including first and second mutually orthogonal fold lines intersecting at an edge of the sheet to divide the sheet into a central anchor portion and first and second outer tab portions; and

a repositionable adhesive adapted to attach the portions to at least a first document and a last document of the group;

wherein the first and second fold lines are adapted to align with mutually orthogonal edges at a corner of the grouped documents upon attachment of the anchor portion to the first document in the group prior to folding the first and second outer tab portions around the edges; and

wherein the outer tab portions are configured to substantially abut, when the outer tab portions are folded around the edges, upon attachment to the last document in the group to lie flat against the last document.

49. (New) A fastener for holding together a group of documents, comprising:
a foldable sheet including first and second mutually orthogonal fold lines which divide the sheet into a central anchor portion and first and second outer tab portions foldable around mutually orthogonal edges at a corner of the grouped documents; and
a repositionable adhesive adapted to attach the portions to at least a first document and a last document of the group upon being folded around an edge of the group;
wherein at least one of the outer tab portions is divided into at least two segments, each segment foldable around one of the mutually orthogonal edges of the group to attach to a respective document in the group.

50. (New) The fastener according to claim 49, wherein the anchor portion and the tab portions have one of (a) different shading and (b) different coloring.

51. (New) The fastener according to claim 49, wherein a mutual boundary between the anchor portion and the tab portions includes one of (a) a printed line, (b) a line of perforations and (c) a crease line.

52. (New) The fastener according to claim 49, wherein the first and second fold lines intersect at an edge of the sheet.

53. (New) The fastener according to claim 49, wherein the fold lines divide the sheet into a central anchor portion flanked by two outer triangular portions inverted with respect to the central triangular portion, and wherein the central anchor portion is defined by the mutually orthogonal fold lines and at least one edge joining outer ends of the fold lines.

54. (New) A pad, comprising:
a plurality of fasteners adapted to hold together a group of documents, each fastener including:

- a foldable sheet including first and second mutually orthogonal fold lines which divide the sheet into a central anchor portion and first and second outer tab portions foldable around mutually orthogonal edges at a corner of the grouped documents; and

- a repositionable adhesive adapted to attach the portions to at least a first document and a last document of the group upon being folded around an edge of the group;

- wherein at least one of the outer tab portions is divided into at least two segments, each segment foldable around one of the mutually orthogonal edges of the group to attach to a respective document in the group.

55. (New) A method of fastening a group of documents with a fastener, the fastener including a foldable sheet including first and second mutually orthogonal fold lines which divide the sheet into a central anchor portion and first and second outer tab portions foldable around mutually orthogonal edges at a corner of the grouped documents, and repositionable adhesive adapted to attach the portions to at least a first document and a last document of the group upon being folded around an edge of the group, at least one of the outer tab portions divided into at least two segments, each segment foldable around one of the mutually orthogonal edges of the group to attach to a respective document in the group, comprising:

- aligning the first and second fold lines of the fastener with the edges of the first document of the group in a corner to be fastened;

- attaching the anchor portion of the fastener to the first document;

- adding a second document to the group in alignment with the first document;

folding a first tab portion of the fastener around an associated edge of the group and attaching the first tab portion to the second document;

adding a third document to the group in alignment with the first and second documents;

folding a second tab portion of the fastener around an associated edge of the group and attaching the second tab portion to the third document.

56. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein the first and second tab portions are folded in the folding steps around different edges of the group.

57. (New) The method according to claim 55, further comprising attaching the segments of a tab portion to respective different documents of the group.